

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, above line 1, please amend the following previously inserted paragraphs as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 13 501.0 filed March 25, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ 365 of PCT/DE00/00883 filed March 24, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English. --

On Page 1, please amend the paragraph in lines 1 to 4 to read as follows:

--This invention relates to a method of joining a first component made of plastic to a second component made of plastic ~~having the features according to the definition of the species of Claim 15.~~ --

Please amend the paragraph bridging Pages 2 to 3 to read as follows:

--The present invention relates to the problem object of designing a method of the type ~~defined in the preamble~~ such that a bonded connection can be established relatively inexpensively between two plastic components even if the plastic of one component and/or the other has a relatively narrow temperature range for processability of its melt.--

On Page 3, please amend the paragraph in lines 4 to 5 to read as follow:

--This problem object is ~~solved~~ achieved according to ~~this~~ the present invention . ~~by a method having the features of~~ Claim 15.--